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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-38 and 42-92 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26-37, 42, 44, 45 and 63-92 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38, 43, 46-62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-37, 42, 44, 45, and 63-92 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 46-50, 52, 60, and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gallagher, III et al.

With respect to claim 46, the language "having an approximately constant amplitude in all orientations relative to a transponder clearly reads on the inherent nature of rotating the field whereby the hot and cold spots are average out, see col. 1, lines 55-63. Also the rotating composite field produced with a 90 degree phase difference clearly provides for constant amplitude in all orientations relative to a transponder.

Quadrature reads on the 90 degree phase difference taught by Gallagher.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 51 and 53-59, and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gallagher.

The recited pick-up coil and perpendicular are analogous to the third coil or three loop antenna, col. 1, lines 40-54 and col. 4.

The recited series drive capacitor and parallel tank capacitor reads on and is analogous to the series/parallel matching network in col. 1, lines 64 et seq., and col. 4, lines 3-11.

The recited precession coil reads on and is analogous to the third coil suggested by Gallagher as well as the function of an offset frequency.

With respect to claim 57, such is inherent in the composite field of Gallagher with respect to the 90 degree phase difference.

Conclusion

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 3-1-04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive with respect to claims as rejected under Gallagher.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DONNIE L. CROSLAND whose telephone number is (703) 305-4388. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 9:30a-6:00p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JEFFERY HOFSSASS can be reached on (703) 305-4717. The fax phone

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